

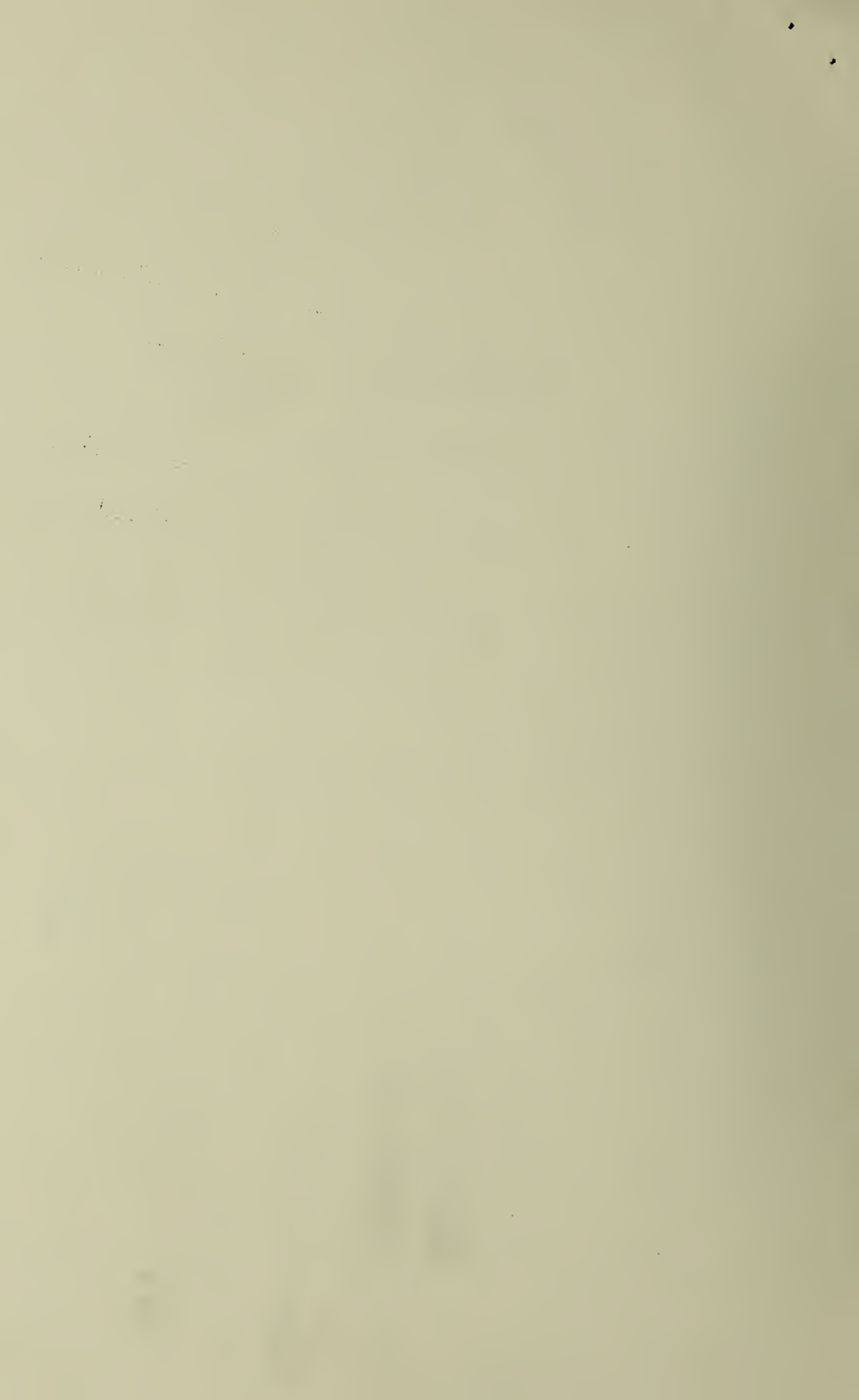
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1951



To the Chairman and Members of the Halesworth
Urban District Council.

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1951.

As you will be aware Dr. S.T.G. Gray, Deputy County Medical Officer, was your acting Medical Officer from the 30th September until 3rd January 1952 when I took up my appointment. Consequently, my report is based on existing records and information obtained from your other officers rather than on my own observations. I am indebted to your surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, Mr. A.W. Plowright for most of the details.

As for the statistics, the maternal mortality rate is nil and the death rate is low. The infant mortality rate would appear to be high but this is only apparent as there was only one infant death during the year and it is dangerous to draw conclusions from "rate per thousand" where small populations are concerned.

There is cause for satisfaction in that there were no epidemics of serious infectious diseases nor outbreaks of food poisoning during the year.

The fall in numbers of infants immunised against diphtheria is unsatisfactory. This trend is almost nation-wide and the local health authority (East Suffolk County Council) is intensifying its efforts to get more children immunised.

Halesworth still has a large number of households with pail - closets. There may be some hesitancy in connecting certain premises to the sewer, on account of the present condition of the properties but it is to be hoped that the over-all number of pail-closets will be reduced in the current year. However, the statistical indices are quite favourable as far as Halesworth health is concerned.

I should like to thank your General Clerk, Miss. D.V. Aldridge for the assistance in the preparation of the report.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

J.B. Kershaw,
Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

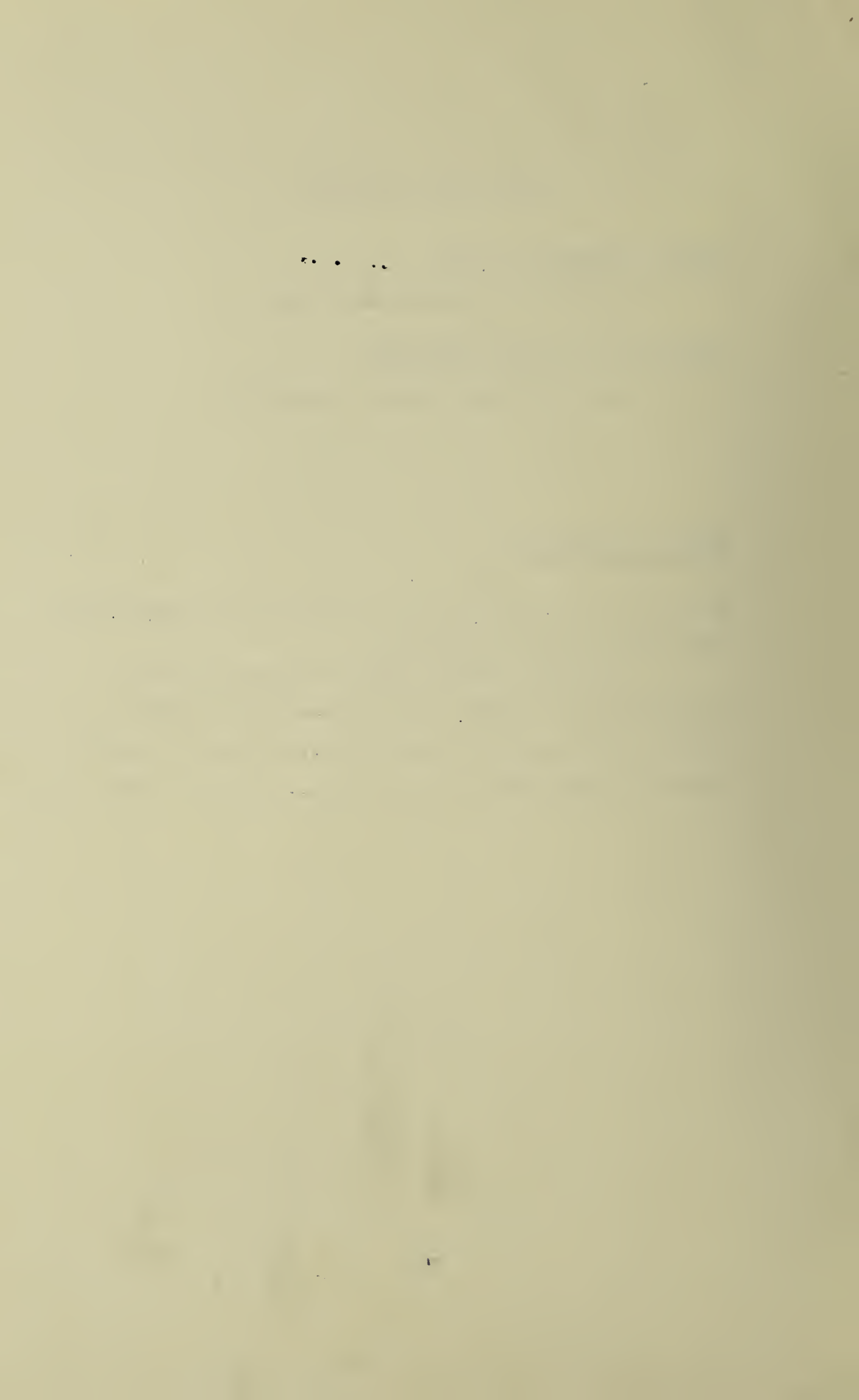
J.B. Kershaw, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR.

A.W. Plowright, R.S.I.A. C.R.San.I.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area.....	1107 Acres.
Registrar General's estimate of Population (March 1951).....	2169
No. of inhabited houses.....	742
Rateable value.....	£13,011
Product of Penny Rate.....	£49. 5. 0.



VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births.	12	11	23
(Illegitimate)	-	1	1
Rate per 1,000 population	" 10.6		
Rate per 1,000 population	" 15.5		
(England and Wales)			
Comparability factor.	" 1.09		

STILLBIRTHS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
(Legitimate)	-	1	1
(Illegitimate)	-	-	NIL.
Rate per 1,000 live births	" 43.5		
Rate per 1,000 population	" .46		
Rate per 1,000 population	" .36		
(England and Wales)			

Maternal Mortality. NIL.

Infantile Mortality.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Deaths of infants under one year.	-	1	1
Rate per 1,000 live births	43.5		
Rate per 1,000 live births			
(England and Wales)	29.6		

DEATHS.

<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
17	23	40

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated
population 18.4 (England and
Wales 12.5)

Comparability factor .84

Causes of Death.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis Non-resperatory)	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
Diabetes	-	1
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	-	2
Bronchitis	2	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
Ulcer of duodenum and stomach	1	-
Vascularlesions of nervous system	3	2
Coronary disease, angina	1	1
Nephritis	1	2
Other heart disease	4	11
Other defined and ill-defined causes	1	1
Suicide	1	-
	<u>17</u>	<u>23</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Whooping Cough.....	1	2	3
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	1	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

At the beginning of the year the following cases were on the register:-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Pulmonary.....	6	2	8
Non-Pulmonary.....	5	1	6

	11	3	14

At the end of the year the following cases were on the register:-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Pulmonary.....	7	3	10
Non-Pulmonary.....	5	0	5

	12	3	15

Additions to the register:-

Fresh notifications	1
Removal from other areas.	3

Removals from register:-

Recovery	1
Removal to other areas	2

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following information:-

No. of Pre-school children immunised	118
Total no. of children immunised	397
% pre-school children immunised	60.51
% all children immunised	76.30
"Booster" injections 1951	NIL.

Comparative figures for the last three years:-

Year	1949	1950	1951
% pre-school children immunised	91.5	77.5	60.5
% all children immunised	97.3	89.2	76.3

HOUSING.

24 houses were completed by the local authority
2 licences were issued for private enterprise.
There was no temporary housing.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

It was not found necessary to take any action under section 47 of this act.

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FACTORIES ACT 1937

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>on</u> <u>register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>of</u> <u>written</u> <u>notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers</u> <u>prosecuted.</u>
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(i)	Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,5, and 6 are to be enforced by local Authorities.	34	119	-	-
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
(iii)	Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers premises)	-	-	-	-
		34	119	-	-

2. Number of cases in which defects were found. 3.
Number of cases in which defects were remedied. 3.
3. Part VIII. of the Act. No outworkers were registered.

MILK.

There are 6 farmers producing milk within the Urban District and the milk is sent to United Dairies Ltd., Halesworth.

Three firms of retailers supply milk to consumers, two supplying pasteurised milk only and the third both T.T. and pasteurised milk.

Sampling of producer's milk is carried out by the staff of the County Health Department. No tuberculosis or brucella organisms were found in the milk sampled.

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FOOD.

Meat and Other Foods.

1. No Slaughterhouses are in use in Halesworth, the meat being consigned ~~here~~ from Beccles and distributed to the local shops from a centre in the town.

(ii)	No. of bakehouses inspected	5
(iii)	No. of ice-cream premises registered for the sale of ice-cream.	7
(iv)	Other places inspected where food is prepared.	4

The following is a list of food condemned as unfit for human consumption.

FRESH MEAT.

Beef.	85 lbs.
Beast Head.	44 lbs.
Liver.	5 lbs.
Pork.	4 lbs.

FISH.

Cod (Fillet)	56 lbs.
Haddock (Fillet, smoked)	28 lbs.

<u>Tinned Ham.</u>	86 lbs.
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<u>Butter.</u>	49 lbs.
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<u>Ground Almonds.</u>	40 lbs.
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Miscellaneous tinned stuffs.

Tomatoes.	20 tins.
Plums.	7 "
Mincedmeat.	9 jars.
Evaporated Milk.	14 tins.
Corned Beef.	28 lbs.
Luncheon Meat.	4 lbs.

<u>Sweets.</u>	8 lbs.
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Other foods. (small quantities).

Pork brawn, Beans, Raspberries, Oranges, Crab meat, Salmon.

FOOD POISONING.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

No samples were submitted for bacteriological or chemical analysis during 1951.

The main water supply is obtained from an artesian well, 275 feet deep, with an overflow bore. The water is "boosted" from the bore to a sump and thence through a Candy Filter. This filtration removes most of the ferruginous matter. The water is then chlorinated and chlorination is maintained at a level of approximately 0.1 to 0.2 parts per million at the works.

At the beginning of the year 87 dwelling houses were supplied by means of stand-pipes, the total number of stand-pipes being 22.

By the end of the year, the number of households supplied by means of stand-pipes had been reduced to 58, by connecting 29 houses to the mains and providing a supply direct to the houses.

SEWERAGE.

40 households which previously had pail-closets were connected to the sewer.

By the end of the year there were 225 houses with pail-closets. These remaining pail-closets are emptied weekly by a firm of contractors employed by the Urban District Council.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTION.

Nuisances inspected and abated:-

Blocked drains	14
Dirty houses	4
Nuisance from deposit of refuse	16
Blocked dykes	3
Dirty Milk Bottles	1
Nuisance from keeping pigs	2
Defective gutterings	3
Defective roof	1
Defective cesspools	3
Other housing defects	2
Houses inspected	94
Notices served	6
Notices complied with	6

